

CONNOLLY CHATS.

The Official Stenographer of the Constitutional Convention Has Something to Say.

Members Who are Easy to Take and Members Who are Too Rapid in Delivery.

is Theory is a Man Must Have Ideas Before He Commences Talking Upon a Subject.

"I know there are people who think that \$15 a day is pretty good pay for any kind of clerical work," said C. P. Connolly, the official stenographer of the constitutional convention to an independent reporter at the close of the debate on woman suffrage Thursday afternoon. "But any one that received that galling charge of being a plagiarist and preserving it intact, or drew a panoramic picture of that battle-field that afternoon upon which the words of women's hopes were strewn, has earned tenfold that paltry sum, and the debt posterity owes to the art preservative of all sorts for that piece of work alone is not to be measured by the venal standard of dollars and cents. Just think," continued the speaker, "probably 30,000 words or more a day—more than half the number of words in Webster's unabridged dictionary—are hurled like the rain of artillery into that arena; these must be instantly penned as the words fall from the lips of the speaker—historical allusions, proper names, remarks and all—for if lost for the moment they are lost forever—and then try to figure out for yourself the amount of energy required to draw even one day's picture of the smiling valleys, the rushing rivers, the peaks and flowers of oratory that are cast at your feet, and the surest wave of eloquence that break upon the shore, and you will still have but a slight conception of the task before me from the opening invocation of the chaplain to the top of the president's eulogy, which announces the adjournment of the convention. When all things are considered, when the members are on their feet at once arguing some point of order—when Ireen is defending the rights of labor, or Maginnis has simply decided to make a speech on some much-mooted question, and is making it—for he can make an incomparable speech, when Joe Tools marches down the aisle and lays down the law in tones that wake the echoes, or Burleigh, the old man eloquent, breaks off one of his epigrams like the snap of a whip—you've got to time to swap jackknives with your neighbor. You have got to find your trail or you will be lost in a forest whose paths are never found, for a speaker seldom recalls in calm moments the sparks that fly so thick and fast in the heat of excitement and passion."

"Do you find some speakers easier to take than others?"

"Oh, yes. There is everything in the tone of voice, in the manner, and in the style of the speaker. It is infinitely harder to report the practical, matter-of-fact speaker, or the speaker with a harsh, otherwise unpleasant voice, than one with the stirring and popular oratorical style. A good speaker, greeted with applause, the delivery of which the speaker has become thoroughly aroused, warms the ear and the eye, and is no vain sign of weakness. Dealers say they are not idle, and will; they are not rushed, manage to find enough business to keep them occupied. Building activity continues and the many structures started several months ago are looming up. The brick and stone work of the Bailey building is finished, and the front in brown stone and pressed brick with iron pillars looks very attractive. Fifty-two men are kept busy at the stone works on Helena avenue, cutting stone for the new power block at the corner of Main and Sixth avenue, and an equally large force is engaged in placing the heavy blocks of stone in position. The Merchants National bank building is also rapidly nearing completion, and this and the Power block when completed will undoubtedly be the handsomest buildings in the city."

Sunday Excursions.
The popular Montana Central will make the low rate of one fare for the round trip between all stations on their line. Tickets to be sold on Sundays only and good to return on date of sale.

Real Estate Transfers.
John S. M. Neill et al. to J. B. 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